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REVELATION

“Fallen”

Chapter Two Part 1

Why aren't all Churches...

1. **In agreement** about prophecy? (1,878 years)
2. **Amillennial & Premillennial** do not view the scriptures in the same way. Why?
3. **Premillennial have lost credibility** because of the those that set dates for His return.
4. **The Why Jesus is returning** is more important than the when.

Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day to see** if what Paul said was true.

Revelation 2:1

Intimate Letters to the Bride

1. **V: 1 Jesus sets** the protection of the churches through angels that are under His control. (**Hebrews 1:14**)
2. **He is in fellowship** (walks) with the Church.
3. **Seven Churches represent** the entire church age. Many connect the end of the church age with “the fullness of the Gentiles.” (**Romans 11:25**)
4. **The letters** are from Jesus’ heart to ours.
5. **Each letter is personal message** to a segment of the body of Christ, yet it applies to the whole.

Revelation 2:2-6

The Message

1. **V:2 You are persevering** and have not grown weary of being identified with His name.
2. **V: 4 Forsaken love** and a warning to consider how far you have **fallen**.
3. **V:5 Repent** or lose your place as a Church in my Kingdom.
4. **V:5 Jesus himself will** come and remove your place in the kingdom.

5. **V:5 This could be saying?** If they don't repent when Jesus comes, they don't join him in His Kingdom.

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1. **Hierarchy within the Church.** Those who rule over people and keep them from a personal relationship with Jesus. (This describes the Catholic Church & cults.)
2. **This practice and rule over people** will be embraced by the third Church with grave consequences.

Revelation 2:8-11

The Message

1. **V:9 They are rich** in spiritual riches.
2. **V:10 They are persecuted** for their faith with more persecution on the way.
3. **V:10 Encouraged** to not be afraid.
4. **V:10-11 Be faithful** even to the point of death. They will only die once.

Common Themes

1. **Jesus declares** who He is to each church.
2. **Rev. 2:1 The one who** holds the church with authority. (right hand)
3. **Rev. 2:8 Who is** the first and the last.
4. **Promises an outcome** to each church.
5. **Rev. 2:7 The right to eat** from the tree of life.
6. **Rev. 2:11 Victor's crown & will not be hurt** by the second death.
7. **Rev. 2:7 & 11 The call to hear** what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. Though Jesus speaks to each segment of the body separately, the message applies to the whole body.

Parallel to the 7 Parables

1. **Matthew 21:28– Matt. 25 Jesus gives 7 parables** to His Church in his last week of life. See if you see a connection to these letters?
2. **Matthew 21:28-32 The Two Sons.** One gave lip service the other was obedient. (Fallen)
3. **Matthew 21:33-44 The Vineyard & Tenants** They are **killed** for working in vineyard.
4. **The Church age,** The first church is the apostolic age, the second church is the persecuted age. Again, each church represents a segment of the body yet is a part of the whole. (**Revelation 2 & 3**)
5. **The Church age literally started** on Pentecost Sunday with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 2**)